

## **DRAFT**

### Department of Licensing Washington State Motorcycle Safety Advisory Board Meeting March 3, 2006

1. Call the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Introduction of the Board Members
  - Jason Linn: Washington State Patrol
  - Larry Walker: Club Member/Washington Road Riders Association
  - Pat Barnes: Public Member
  - Bruce Santy: Club Member/BMWOA
  - James Wihlborg: Club Member/ABATE
  - Carl Spurgeon: WMSP Coordinator and DOL Liaison
3. Explanation of the Board
  - The Advisory Board was established by law to gather public input about motorcycling safety and report the findings to the Department of Licensing Director.
4. Review the minutes from the last meeting
5. Old Business
  - No Old Business
6. Reports
  - Web Page Update Ronell Osberg

Ronell reported that the Department of Licensing has gone back to the drawing board to redesign the DOL website. There was conversation from the audience that customers would like to locate the motorcycle information easier by having a link on the homepage.

**Action Item: To have someone from Communication and Education to give an update on the webpage.**

- Public Information & Education Carl Spurgeon

As part of the NTHSA Assessment it was recommended that the Washington Motorcycle Safety Program Advisory Board create a subcommittee to address Public Information & Education (PI&E) efforts or revise the structure of the Board to include a requirement for a member with expertise in PI&E. Further recommendation that there be PI&E information included on the agenda for each Advisory Board meeting. The Motorcycle Advisory Board decided that Public Information and Education be a standing Advisory Board Agenda item. Carl gave a presentation that showed an overview of the Washington Motorcycle Safety Program. The

presentation included information on Program Growth, Program Budget, Quality Assurance, and Advisory Board Information. This presentation was presented to the Motorcycle Safety Taskforce in February.

- Legislation Update

Larry Walker

-HB 1257 (Underinsured/Uninsured motorist insurance) was signed by the Governor.

-HB 1466 (Left turn on Red) died on the Senate floor. The ABATE of Washington or WRRRA will bring it back next year.

-SB 5280 (making Director DOL approving authority for motorcycle awareness curriculum) died in Senate. There has been discussion to make this a departmental (DOL) request next year.

-All lane splitting and shoulder operations bills died in committee of origin. The WRRRA will be looking at the issue over the interim.

-Legislation further restricting age of passengers died in the senate.

-The commute trip reduction act passed without the inclusion of motorcycles in the incentives (preferential/reduced rate parking) section. The WRRRA will be revisiting this issue with leadership over the interim.

Next Year the WRRRA is considering revisiting the following legislation:

- Left Turn Bill

- Lane Splitting

- Tab Fees For the Motorcycle Safety and Education

- Motorcycle Awareness Training in Drivers Education re-wording. -Agency Bill

- Removal of the Military Exemption-Agency Bill

- Restructuring the Subsidies-Agency Bill

- Directions from the Taskforce-Agency Bill

WRRRA is going to Washington DC in April, and they have it on their agenda to brief the Washington Legislative delegation about the issues at Ft. Lewis.

## 7. New business

- Subsidized VS. Unsubsidized Classes

Larry Walker

There are now 3 contractors that are canceling training classes because of a condition of their contract stating that they can only train one subsidized student to one non-subsidized student. Initially, a 1:1 ratio has been placed into the contract to help control the amount of non-subsidized training, and forcing the contractor to spend their subsidy money. During a working meeting of the Advisory Board discussion surrounding a change in the contract to limit the training from 1:1 to a 1:1.5 ratio. This would take care of some of the training issue for a short time.

**Motion: Pat made the motion to recommend a change in contracts to a 1:1.5 ratio.**

Jim second.

No Discussion was made.

**Approved.**

- Advisory Board Position Ronell Osberg

Ronell reported that the Board had two positions were coming up for club members to apply. All applications will be due by close of business on May 31, 2006. Ronell will be sending out an email the week of Mach 6<sup>th</sup> to everyone on the distribution list. If you know of anyone who is interested, but not on the distribution list please pass the information on.

8. Comments from the Board

Jim: The Department of Licensing website is very hard to find anything about motorcycles or the Washington Motorcycle Safety Program on it. I thought that I would write a letter to the Director. There is nothing on the left side of the homepage to connect customers to motorcycle information. I wrote my letter to the Director as an individual, and not as a board member. I would like to invite others to write letters to the Director to place a motorcycle link on the left side of the homepage.

Larry: There has been discussion of limiting children on Motorcycles. This has only been discussion because there has been a constituent complaint. This person's complaint is that "no one under the age of 13 should be on a motorcycle". Larry talked to the constituent, but the constituent didn't budge on her opinion.

Pat: Pat reported on his opinion of the Motorcycle Rider Safety Task Force. Pat felt that the Task Force was making great strides in completing their goal of developing recommendations on how to decrease motorcycle fatalities, and serious injuries. Pat has been very impressed with the data that has been provided.

9. Public Forum

Dave Wendell from Pacific Northwest Motorcycle Safety, informed Carl and Ronell that customers do use the links from the Washington Motorcycle Safety Program website. When his company information was not listed on the WMSP website customers were not sure if they were a recognized company. Now that his information has been listed as a Training Provider, his website had 1832 hits in February.

10. \*\*Adjourn 8:45 p.m.

**Next Meeting: July 14, 2006  
7:00 p.m.  
Lacey Licensing Office**

General Information:

DOL web page is <http://www.wa.gov/dol/drivers/wmsp.htm>

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